

BENJAMIN BULLITT.

DECEMBER 27, 1831.

Mr. BULLARD, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Bullitt, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That the petitioner claims two tracts of land of six hundred and forty acres each: the one in his own right, and the other as assignee of Toussaint Lafleur, in that part of the parish of Natchitoches, in the State of Louisiana, called the "Neutral Territory."

The evidence accompanying the petition, shews that, previous to the treaty of limits between the United States and Spain, the claimant, Bullitt, inhabited, occupied, and cultivated, a tract of land on the south side of Red River, and east of the Sabine, within the limits of the "Neutral Territory," as designated by the act of Congress of the third of March, 1823, relative to the land titles in that part of Louisiana, and the act supplementary thereto; and that he has ever since continued to cultivate it; that it is situated about twenty-five miles above the town of Natchitoches.

It further appears, that Toussaint Lafleur made a similar settlement and improvement within the same territory, which has ever since been occupied by Bullitt as his assignee. The latter claim is described as situated about twenty-three miles above the town of Natchitoches.

The committee is of opinion, that had the proof now furnished them been laid before the commissioners, under the above mentioned acts of Congress, these claims would have been admitted and confirmed.

They therefore report a bill.

